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Please amend the first two paragraphs as follows:

Cross-reference is made to the following application filed concurrently herewith: Attorney Docket Number D/A3078Q (US Patent Application Number 10/691,174 - now US Patent Number 7,426,043) entitled "ASYMMETRIC IDZ PRECESSION IN A MULTI-PASS DIRECT MARKING SYSTEM" by Barry J. Thurlow.

Reference is made to commonly-assigned co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/040,691 (Attorney Docket No. D/A1301), filed 01/07/2003, U.S. Publication No. 20030128385 (now US Patent Number 6,985,250), entitled ALTERNATE IMAGING MODE FOR MULTIPASS DIRECT MARKING, by Jeffrey J. Folkins, the disclosure(s) of which are incorporated herein.